



# Materials Decisions

“Definitions of Materials”

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# The Tools are in Hand

- May 2005 – NOSB draft on Ag-Non ag, with decision tree
- August 2005 – NOSB Guidance on review of Synthetic –Nonsynthetic substances
- March 2006 – NOP Synthetic Framework , with decision tree
- 2007 Oregon Tilth proposed Ag-Non-ag decision tree

# Decision trees ..

1. Is the substance derived from plants, livestock, aquaculture, or fungi and marketed for human consumption or livestock feed or pet food?

Yes → Ag /non ag chart

No → Synthetic chart

# Examples

- Cellulose in livestock feed
- Corn gluten meal as fertilizer
- Egg white lysozyme in processing

# Criteria for Determining Agricultural vs. Non-agricultural Substances for Use in Certified Processed Products

